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Director

Last week I took personal leave to join Mayor Fischer's "Give A Day" Challenge. My volunteer hours were spent at the Habitat for Humanity's ReStore which offers "Good Stuff, Good Deals" for a "Great Cause."

That was right before Earth Day right (April 22nd) and an example of the great variety of things we can do to help others while benefiting the environment.

ReStore accepts donations from contractors, businesses, hotels, non-profits as well as individuals. Items quickly come and go so there is always something different on the floor: framed art, furniture, appliances, tools, & just what you need for that DIY project.

You can find out more about the locations, how to volunteer and what items can be donated and purchased by visiting them [online](#).



Kentucky Domestic Violence Association and The Center for Women and Families Need Volunteers to Launch Jail Re-entry Project

From: [The Center for Women and Families:](#)

Reentry for formerly incarcerated battered women is not easy and the barriers they face can be insurmountable. In response, KDVA has created the **2nd Chance Reentry Coaching Project** and is seeking female volunteers in Lexington and Louisville to serve as coaches and build relationships with incarcerated women and offer support to them when they are released. The KDVA 2nd Chance Reentry Coaching Project is a collaborative effort between KDVA, the Bluegrass Domestic Violence Program in Lexington, KY, The Center for Women and Families in Louisville, KY, Fayette County Detention Center, and the Louisville Metro Department of Corrections.

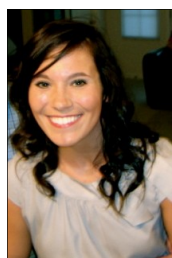
The Project has been designed to address the needs of incarcerated women who have been victims of domestic violence and/or dating violence. In addition to completing needs assessments and providing case management to participants, the Project also matches incarcerated participants with volunteer coaches. All volunteer coaches will be trained about the needs of reentering women and the impact of domestic violence. Coaches will also be provided with the resources needed to serve as role models and support. The project is funded by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics. Some of the volunteer responsibilities include:

- Developing an ongoing, one-to-one relationship with a matched participant pre- and post-release
- Communicating with the matched participant weekly for at least 6 months post-release

- Serving as a positive role model and support
- Planning and participating in activities together
- Helping support goals outlined in case plans and assist participants in working toward them
- Making a one-year commitment
- Attending an initial 1.5 day training session and supportive phone sessions throughout the project
- Some volunteer requirements include:
 - Be a female at least 25 years old
 - Reside in Fayette County or Louisville Metro area
 - Be willing to complete the application and screening process
- Attend a Corrections Agency orientation in Lexington or Louisville
- Be willing to communicate regularly with project staff, submit activity information, and take constructive feedback regarding coaching activities
- Have access to dependable transportation

The KDVA 2nd Chance Reentry Coaching Project envisions a community that understands the complex issues formerly incarcerated battered women face and works toward the success of all of its members. If you, or someone you know, is interested in becoming a volunteer coach please go to www.kdva.org to download the 2nd Chance Reentry Coaching Application, fill it out and send it to the domestic violence program in Lexington or Louisville. In addition to the contact information above, you can also reach LeTonia Jones at 859-420-9199 or by e-mail at ljones@kdva.org with any questions.

A Big Thank You to Haylee Beggs



Haylee is an English major in her Junior year at the University of Louisville. This semester, her internship at OFW involved a variety of projects and tasks.

She wrote several articles for the newsletters each week, helped coordinate registration and information for the Women's Citizen Police Academy 2012 and Denim Day Awareness 2012, along with edit-

ing and updating OFW's web pages and calendar. Thanks to her interest in mentorship, Haylee also continues to work on a research project related to establishing mentoring & Shadowing programs.

Haylee's upbeat personality and dedication (She completed more than twice the number of hours required by her internship program.) will be missed, but we wish her all the best as she prepares for her senior year.

Check out Page 2 of the OFWe-NEWS for

- Habitat for Women's plant sale: "Just in Time for Mother's Day."
- OFW's Community Calendar updates for this week and early May.

- While you are thinking about Mother's Day ... don't forget the **Annual OFW Women's Health Fair**. This year's dates —May 14th at 810 Barret Avenue— May 17th at Nia Center. Call Norton's appointment line to schedule Mammograms & Pap Smears: **899-6842**.



**OFW COMMUNITY
CALENDAR**

Sunday, April 01, -
Saturday, June 30

[Foster Parents Needed](#)

Friday, April 13 - Sunday
April 29

[A Southern Exposure](#)

Tuesday, April 24

[Building Your Personal
Brand](#)

Tuesday, April 24

[eWomen Network: Crea-
tive Entrepreneur](#)

Wednesday, April 25

[Teens and Drugs](#)

Wednesday, April 25-
Friday, April 27

[Victims Assistance Confer-
ence](#)

Friday, April 27

[NIA Women's Roundtable](#)

Friday, April 27

[Legal Aid Society's Ninth
Annual Brush, Bottle and
Barrel of the Bluegrass](#)

May 2012

Tuesday, May 01

[Planned Parenthood Pre-
sents: Let's Talk](#)

Tuesday, May 01

[Discover, Plan, and Launch
for Your Business Success](#)

Friday, May 04

[Reproductive Justice Art &
Writing Contest](#)

Women for Habitat (W4H)



MOTHER'S DAY
PLANT SALE
TO BENEFIT
WOMEN FOR
HABITAT

MAY 12, SATURDAY

TIME: 9-NOON

**Springdale Presbyterian
Church**

7812 Brownsboro Road

Sponsored by the

Rambler's Garden Club



Day Camp Lets Girls Explore Underwater Robotics

Girls in grades 8-11 are invited to make a splash in science while learning about underwater robotics, at a special one-week "Aquabots Camp," to be held at the University of Kentucky this summer.

Over five days, participants will work together in teams of five to design, build and program the "ultimate underwater vessel" using the Lego Mindstorm system, while exploring real-world challenges in underwater exploration. The camp will give the girls an opportunity to exercise their creative and analytical skills and to discover how robotics are changing the world we live in.

At the end of the camp, all of the teams will participate in an exhibition where they will be able to see how their robots perform a variety of underwater tasks in a 4-foot-deep submersion tank in the laboratory. No swimming skills are required.

The camp will meet from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. from July 30 through Aug. 3. Participation is limited to 20 girls, and

participants must be available for the full five days. All girls entering grades 8-11 in fall 2012 are welcome to apply. There is a \$200 workshop fee; scholarships are available for students requiring financial assistance.

For registration information, contact [Sue Scheff](#) or call (859) 257-2614. Registration forms are also available [online](#). A [flyer](#) for the camp (PDF) may be downloaded.

The Aquabots Camp is a project of the University of Kentucky and the Kentucky Girls STEM Collaborative Project, with support from the Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H Youth Development, and Girl Scouts. The camp curriculum is supported in partnership with the National Girls Collaborative Project and Stevens Institute of Technology's Center for Innovation in Engineering and Science Education which is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation.

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